(a) and (b) As per balance sheet of the Company the expenditure on salary & wages, E. S. I., provident Fund, Gratuity, Bonus and Staff Welfare expenses etc. of M/s Associated Journals Ltd. in all its offices are as follows:—

Year ended	Amount n crores
31-3-1986 .	1 .42
31-3-1987	1.30
31-3-1988	1.73
31-3-1989 .	2.47

The secured, unsecured loans and deferred credits availed by of the company are as follows:—

Year ended	Amount i n crores
31-3-1986	3.59
31-3-1987	3.56
31-3-1988	3.39
31-3-1989	3.93

Arrest of Swami Saroopanand Saraswati

2326. SHRI SANTOSH BAG-RODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Shankaracharya of Dwarka and Jyotir peeths, Swami, Saroopanand Saraswati and his follo-weres had been arrested on 30th April, 1990 in Phulpur, Azamgarh District;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether other religious leaders of different communities would also be arrested on similar grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Public Order" and "Maintenance of communal harmony" is a State Subject. According to a report received from the State Govt, of Uttar Pradesh, Swami Saroopanand Saraswati, the Shankaracharya of Dwarka Peeth and his 11 followers were arrested in order to prevent breach of peace and communal harmony in view of his proposed "Shilanyas" Ceremony of the Ram Janam Bhoomi Temple on May 7,1990 at Ayodhya in Violation of the restraint order of the Hon'ble Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court regarding maintaining the *status quo* of disputed shrine.

(c) The authorities of the State charged with the responsibility of maintaining "Public Order" and Rule of Law are duty bound to proceed against any person whose activities may be prejudicial of "Public Order and Communal harmony".

Development of Minor Ports

2327. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central assistance is being given for the development of minor ports in the country ;

(b) ifso, the amount provided by the Government during the Seventh